

high and dry on the rock, where she had laid some time as I was told. After lunch we started for Ambigol cataract. On our way we met several large nuggars with their peculiar sails, going at good speed. These nuggers never track but go up with a strong breeze. We shot Ambigol cataract between three and four o'clock and met five whalers at the foot of it. Colonel Alleyne ordered me to go ashore to speak to them. They were manned by Royal Engineers with foreman Graham and his voyageurs. We started again downward and made Semnah cataract after sunset shortly before dark. Shooting Semnah gate, finished our day's work and we camped. We had made this day 61 miles.

Dal cataract.....	5 miles.
From the foot of Dal to the head of Akaska.....	9 "
Akaska cataract.....	1 "
From the foot of Akaska to Tangur.....	14 "
Tangur cataract.....	3 "
From the foot of Tangur to Ambigol.....	9 "
Ambigol cataract.....	1 "
From the foot of Ambigol to Semneh.....	17 "
Semneh cataract.....	2 "

61 "

This day's experience decided my opinion about the boats. Many of my men had been portaging on the Ottawa for different lumber firms and all agreed with me, that whilst the Nile river boats would have been of no use on the Ottawa, they could not be improved upon for the Nile service on account of the nature of the river. For the ascents of the river as well as the cataracts, the sailing qualities of the boats were all important, and when towed by line the keel would